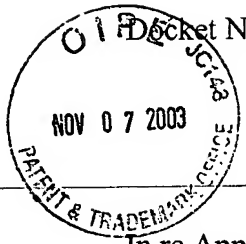


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Sir:

This is a response to the non-final Office Action dated August 7, 2003. Please amend the above-identified patent application as set forth below.

Please cancel claims 1, 4, 9, 11 and 12 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 2, 8, 10 and 13 as set forth in the "Amendments to the Claims" on pages 2 to 4 of this response.

A listing of all claims in the present application is presented in the "Amendments to the Claims" beginning at page 2 of this response.